

HUNTERDON COUNTY 4-H

INVITATIONAL RABBIT, CAVY, AND SMALL ANIMAL SHOW

Date: Saturday, August 24, 2024

Entries in by 8:30 a.m. - Judging Begins at 9:00 a.m.

Superintendent: Kim Rountree

**Location: Rabbit Tent
Hunterdon County 4-H & Agricultural Fair
South County Park,
1207 Route 179, Lambertville, NJ 08530**

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Grade requirements for entry in judged events and Prep (non-judged) events.
 - A. **Grade Requirements for Entry in Judged Event:** Youth must be in grade 4-13 as of **September 2023**.
 - B. **Grade Requirement for Entry in 4-H Prep Division (Non-Judged Event) – 4-H PREP RULES:** Youth in grades K through 3 as of **September 2023** may enter in the Prep Division only. All 4-H Prep members will receive a participation ribbon and will have an opportunity to discuss their project with the judges. **Prep members WILL NOT be judged.** *Prep division is exempt from the “Member in Good Standing Requirements (which follow).*
2. In order for a 4-H member to be eligible for the Hunterdon County 4-H Invitational Rabbit Show, a member must meet the following **“4-H Member in Good Standing Requirements”** *during the current project year*. This is to be verified by the Club Leader on the Entry Form.
 - A. Have attended at least 70% of regular club meetings and/or activities.
 - B. Given a state, county, or club 4-H presentation following the State 4-H public presentation guidelines.
 - C. Been responsible for the physical care and training of the animal(s) to the fullest extent possible.
 - D. Completed a 4-H Record Book for the animal up to the date of the show.

3. All animals must have been owned by the exhibitor 60 days prior to the show. Offspring of animals that have been owned by the exhibitor 60 days prior to the show and meets entry requirements may also be shown.
4. Any animals deemed sick or diseased by any judge or show committee member will be removed from the showroom immediately.
5. All rabbits must be legibly tattooed in the left ear and have the coop number clearly written in black or blue ink in the right ear. Cavies must have number clearly written on tape and fastened to the left ear.
6. All entries are judged by the Danish system, unless disqualified. Prep Division will receive participation ribbons.
7. Please send in your entries as early as possible. All information must be included on your entry form. **No day of show entries! NO phone entries! (Remember your entry form must be signed by your club leader. PAY ATTENTION TO DEADLINES ON ENTRY FORMS!)**
8. Any owner showing an animal that requires a permit **MUST** bring the permit to the show.
9. There **WILL NOT** be doe & litter or sow & litter classes.
10. Rabbits, cavies, and small animals will be judged according to the latest standards, using ARBA and ACBA standards as a guide. ARBA and ACBA disqualifications will be used by the judge's discretion and show committee. Judge's decisions are FINAL!
11. Rabbits **MUST** be at least 3 months old to be shown. Cavies must meet ACBA weight requirements (12 oz.) to be shown.
12. This is a carrying cage show. All animals must be adequately caged. All entrants are responsible for their own equipment and clean up.
13. The show committee reserves the right to substitute and/or add judges.
14. **ANIMALS CANNOT BE SOLD AT THE SHOW ACCORDING TO HUNTERDON COUNTY 4-H & AGRICULTURAL FAIR RULES!**
15. NJ 4-H Event Permission form must accompany entries, 1 per participant.

**ANIMAL CARE AFTER THE
HUNTERDON COUNTY 4-H INVITATIONAL
RABBIT, CAVY, & SMALL ANIMAL SHOW**

The Hunterdon Hoppers hopes to see all of you at the Hunterdon County 4-H Invitational Rabbit, Cavy, and Small Animal Show.

The show will be from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 12:00 p.m. after which you may enjoy walking around the fairgrounds with your family to experience the rest of the activities available. Please realize that if you decide to do this that no animals may remain in the showroom once the show ends. If you choose to do that, please consider your animals first. **Hunterdon County 4-H and Hunterdon Hoppers WILL NOT be responsible for any animals after the show ends.**

IF THE WEATHER IS EXTREMELY HOT, the committee recommends:

1. Try to park your vehicle in the shade.
2. Bring ice bottles or ice cubes in an ice chest for your animals for the day.
3. **DO NOT** leave your animals unattended – work out a schedule so someone stays at the vehicle with the animals at all times (perhaps trade off every hour).
4. If the animals still suffer heat stress, shorten your visit and get them home to a cooler environment.

We hope you will all enjoy the Animal Show and the Fair!

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Rountree @
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